

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) on the following impaired stream segments - 5.5 miles of Spring Creek, 7.35 miles of Little Sandy Creek, 0.78 mile of Bush River, 9.94 miles of Briery Creek and 8.9 miles of the Saylers Creek in Prince Edward and Amelia Counties. TMDLs of these five segments were included in the TMDL study completed for the Appomattox River Basin. The TMDLs were approved by EPA on August 8, 2004, a copy of which can be found on DEQ's website at http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_report_result.cfm.

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The first public meeting on the development of the IP for the above impaired segments will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the South Street Conference Center, located at 112 North South St., Farmville, VA 23901. After a one hour public meeting, stakeholders will break into a working group session to begin the public participation input process for the implementation plan.

The public comment period will end on February 9, 2008. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for the above impaired segments is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Ram Gupta with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ram Gupta, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 101 North 14th St., 11th Floor, Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219, email address: ram.gupta@dcr.virginia.gov, phone # 804-371-0991.